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Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

This Job Problem

There is no need to emphasize the importance of the Nisei vocational problem. Even in its surface aspects it strikes too close to home to arouse anything but the most serious consideration.

For the majority of Nisei I can see but little hope for any immediate or easy solution of their difficulties. All of us are caught up in the grip of economic circumstances, and lacking the means, but few of us can escape.

The saving grace of the situation, of course, is that there are Nisei who have escaped from the net, and each of us is sufficiently optimistic as to believe that we too can do the same. And who is there to say that anyone of you cannot?

For there are opportunities for Nisei endowed with particular talent or training. There is new ground to be broken, if such people can see the possibilities, and are prepared to endure the early struggles inevitable in establishing themselves in any particular line.

Public Speaking

A case in point comes to mind with the news this week that an all-Nisei amateur dramatic group succeeded in winning the championship in the Vancouver Young People's Union Drama Festival.

Interest today in public speaking and dramatics is probably keener than ever before in the Nisei community. With oratorical contests, concerts, and increasing number of small societies, the Nisei are rapidly becoming aware of the advantages of good speech—not only in public life but also in private life.

Surely then there is a potential market to be exploited by a capable Nisei trained in these arts. If we have our music teachers, can we not have our teachers of kindred arts? It is probably true that a Nisei clientele might not prove very lucrative today, but at least it should be an expanding clientele, and might well prove the first stepping stone in a successful career.

Halibut Licence Regulation Deferred

Following closely upon the announcement that the status of Japanese salmon fishing licences this year will remain the same as last year, is the advice of the Department of Fisheries that the regulations requiring captains of vessels fishing for halibut and black cod to take out licences, scheduled to go into effect January 1 of this year, have been deferred for one year.

The regulations were introduced last year because of charges that Japanese fishermen were giving increasingly severe competition to established halibut and cod fishing interests. It was regarded as the first possible step in a new campaign of discrimination against Japanese Canadian fishermen.

Morning Prayer

With its luxurious background of mythological folklore and tradition, no country is richer in its symbolism than Japan. Shown here is a familiar sight, a "Torii" or gateway to a Shinto shrine.

The story is told that the Sun Goddess offended because her brother the Storm God had played tricks upon her, shut herself up in a cave, leaving the earth and the heavens in utter darkness. Hoping to lure her into the world again, the "Eight Million Gods" held a celebration before the cave, and so great was their merriment that the Sun Goddess, aroused by their laughter, emerged from the cave. Whereupon the "Perpetual-daylight-long-singing-bird" or cock, who was perched upon the gateway to the cave proclaimed once again the break of day upon the earth.

A symbol, then, of the early foundation of the empire 2,600 years ago, the Torii represents the passing of night and the coming of a new day. Special prayers are offered before it early in the morning of New Year's Day.

On The Newsfront

OCEAN FALLS BOOSTS WAR EFFORT

(By Staff Correspondent)

OCEAN FALLS.—Canada's national war effort received another bolster recently, when members of the Ocean Falls Japanese Association unanimously voted to make voluntary contributions to the Red Cross Society.

It is estimated that by the end of 1940, more than $1000, will have been forwarded to the local Red Cross Unit.

This move, following closely upon the heels of a $300 donation from the Japanese Association to the Department of National Defence, is expected to alleviate somewhat, the strained "international" situation which at present exists within the bounds of our naional unity.

In forwarding their contribution the Association stated:

"Perhaps never before have the Japanese Canadians had such a golden opportunity to express their appreciation for the privileges bestowed upon them by the land of their adoption. We are indebted to Canada for these privileges, and in return it is our duty and pleasure to flock to her assistance in her hour of need."

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NISEI WANTS TO JOIN THE NAVY

VICTORIA.—A well-known young Nisei of the Capital City has filed an application here to join the Royal Canadian Navy. He is Mutsuo "Bob" Hoita, son of Robert Hoita, who saw service overseas in the last war.

NISEI FRANCHISE QUESTION DEBATE TOPIC

"Resolved that Canadian-born Japanese should be given the franchise" is announced as the topic of debate in the semi-final round of the Young People's Union Debate Tournament.

Upholding the affirmative on Feb. 25, will be Meryl Campbell and Jack Fairburn at Crosby United Church against Kathleen Norwood and Eric White of St. Andrews-Wesley; while on the 26th, Mountain View Church will take the affirmative against Ryerson.

NORTHWEST YOUNG BUDDHISTS' CONFAB, MARCH 9 AND 10

Yakima and Wapato over the week-end of March 9 and 10 will witness the 1940 Northwest Young Buddhist League Convention, according to the decision reached by the Northwest Young Buddhist League cabinet and advisors.

Your Nisei Paper Needs Your Support

Going Up!

Japanese Canadians Give Freely To Red Cross And National Defence

Unprecedented is the wave of enthusiasm that has swept the rank and file of Japanese Canadians throughout the province as they have rallied individually and collectively to the support of their country in the hour of national emergency.

From the very outset of the war in September when the Japanese Canadian Citizens League pledged its "loyalty" and "devotion" to Canada in a special telegram to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Japanese Canadians — Issei and Nisei, individuals and organizations — have quietly but efficiently gone their way taking part in the country's war effort.

And now mounting higher and higher as the days lengthen into weeks and weeks into months is the total of contributions made by Japanese Canadians to the coffers of the National Defence or the Red Cross Society. Heavily, too, have they subscribed to Canada's First War Loan.

A cursory survey of figures available so far reveal that almost $800 has already been handed separately to the Red Cross and $2600 to the Department of National Defence from various organizations and community centres in B. C.

RED CROSS

Britannia Konwakai (individual monthly donations of $1)	
Fairview Japanese School Ijikai and Mikado Seinenkai	$ 62.00
Haney Japanese	132.05
JCCL Red Cross Concert	443.93
Prince Rupert:	

See "WAR DONATIONS", Page 4

Capital City JCCL Sponsors Oratory For Victoria High

VICTORIA.—Sponsored by the Victoria Chapter of the JCCL, the Victoria High School oratorical contest came to a successful close here last Monday, when Sheila Graves, matriculation student, was presented with the perpetual challenge trophy by Masao Kuwabara, chapter president.

Fourteen students entered the contest which will be an annual affair, open to all students of the school. Two were Nisei, Mavis Yuasa, who spoke on "Heroines of the Modern World" and Tsutomu Shimizu, on "Faith."

In awarding the trophy, Mr. Kuwabara congratulated Miss Graves, and thanked members of the High School's English department for acting as judges during the contest which has covered the past month.

Commemorate Royal Visit

The trophy was presented to the school by the Victoria JCCL to commemorate the Royal Visit last May, and to further the cause of goodwill between Japanese Canadians and their fellow citizens here.

Engraved with portraits of the King and Queen, and inscribed "Royal Visit, 1939," the trophy will be held for a year by the winner, who receives for permanent possession small miniature cup, six of which have been donated by the Chapter along with the large trophy.

Nisei Co-eds Take A Bow

Doll Festival Featured At Open House

As their contribution to the University's annual Open House Nisei co-eds will present the Doll Festival, traditional girls celebration in Japan, with a display of the finest dolls they can secure in the city. The display will probably be given in the women's upper common room, and Nisei co-eds, dressed in native costume, will be on hand to explain and entertain visitors. Acting on the committee are Yoshiko Momose, Kay Kato, Kimi Takimoto, Katherine Shimotakahara, Nana Yamamoto and Mariko Uyeda.

Further plans for the High School Oratorical Contest to be held Feb. 17 at the Japanese Hall were also announced this week. A large list of entries has already been received, according to Fred Sasaki, contest chairman.

Acting as judges will be Mr. E. Munro, principal of Britannia High School, Miss Hide Hyodo and T. K. Shoyama.

Student Advance

The following week a delegation comprising almost thirty students will travel to Seattle for the second Northwest Intercollegiate Advance. Leading the delegation will be committee chairman Satoru Watanabe, president Wesley Fujiwara, and advisor Kenji Kitamura, veteran conference delegate.

The one-day conference will discuss social, economic, campus and cultural problems faced by Nisei students today.

NISEI NEWS FROM FAR FLUNG CORNERS IN B.C.

Union Studies Wages Agreement

Nisei Chosen Ocean Falls Local Prexy

By Staff Correspondent

UNION MEETING

The Japanese Section, Local 312, held its first general meeting for the New Year on Sunday, January 28. Johnny Nihei, recently elected president, regretfully announced that he would be leaving for the Orient shortly, and wished to tender his resignation. He will be visiting his family and relatives, and expects to return within a few months.

T. Kurita was elected president by acclamation, which now makes the executive practically an all-Nisei affair—the president, treasurer and two secretaries being second generation.

STUDY GROUP

In view of the approaching wage-scale conference this April, the Union Study Group, under the chairmanship of T. Hyodo, with Jin Ide as secretary, is now meeting regularly, for the purpose of discussing fully the present "Agreement", which expires April 30, and to prepare any changes which may be so desired by the Japanese Section.

Following a similar policy, Local 312 has also formed a Study Group for the same purpose, the Japanese having representation on the same.

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COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER

Representatives from all the local organizations recently held an informal tea, with the idea of exchanging opinions and suggestions. Some of the more thoroughly discussed subjects were "Nisei and the Japanese Language Problem", "Social Dancing", and "Amalgamation of the J.C.C.L. and the Seinenkai."

One point upon which all present agreed was the sad lack of social diversion for the young people. The possibility of construction of a gymnasium was seriously considered. Let us live in anticipation of material results along this line.

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MOURNFUL MURMURS

Our sympathies are for the Ocean Falls Ski Club—a new log cabin, a host of enthusiastic members, but no SNOW. Rather an unusual state of affairs for the wild and woolly northland.

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Miss Miyoko Tanaka, visiting Nisolette from Steveston, finally made a reluctant (we wonder) farewell to this fair city of ours. We miss her radiant smile and cheerful grin. But cheer up fellows . . .

WE HOPE

That Mrs. Beach and Mr. Cowan, two local residents, have not been inconvenienced too greatly as a result of the fire which recently gutted their apartments.

As a token of sympathy, the Japanese Association forwarded a small cash donation to each, which we hope will prove of some assistance to them.

The Japanese Ladies Club also made a contribution to help offset their losses.

Steveston JCCL To Sponsor Art Exhibit

An exhibition of original art work, consisting of paintings, drawings, sketches and so forth, will be sponsored by the Steveston JCCL in the "Dantai" Hall in Steveston, Feb. 26. The exhibition is open to the public, and will be on display from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Nisels throughout the province are urged to enter the poster contest, illustrating and describing the exhibition. Cash prizes are offered for the best posters, which will be chosen by a committee of three judges, F. Kajiro, H. Nakai and K. S. Logan. Entries should be in by Feb. 16.

Prince Rupert Patter

By Hiroshi Hamasaki

Blessed Event.

On Wednesday morning, January 24, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Y. Mori. Both mother and child are doing well.

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Concert Wins Success.

Sponsored by the Northern B. C. Residential Fishermen's Association, a very successful and enjoyable concert was held January 27, at the Nippon Kaikan Hall.

Beautifully decorated in a manner commemorating the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of Japan, the hall was filled to capacity.

The concert opened with a minute of silence and a speech by A. Tsuji, speaking for the Rupert Young Men's Ass'n. The program was as follows:

Classical Japanese Song—T. Kizawa; Popular Japanese Songs—Akinobu Tsuji, Fred Machida, Kazuo Kamisaki, Yuki Nakatani, Tamotsu Yamamoto, Mary Nonoyama, Ritsuko Sakai and Eichi Mizuyabu and Hiroshi Omori of Inverness; Odoris—Misses S. Kihara, T. Kuwahara, T. Tsumura, and A. Nakamoto; Shakuhachi—Mr. Kazi of Sunnyside; Magic Tricks—T. Kuwahara and A. Tsuji; Biwa and Song—Mrs. Yamamoto; Manzai—Mr. Nakatani; Odori—T. Kuwahara; Ventriloquism — Kayzi Nishio; Japanese Songs—Mr. Kazi.

Four plays were presented: "Ona Janaine" by T. Kuwahara, T. Yamamoto and A. Tsuji; "Akoku Shimbun"—Seal Cove Young People; "Shobaiya"—Seal Cove Community; and "2600 Years Sou" — Prince Rupert Young People's Ass'n.

A speech by President J. Nakatani brought the evening to a close at a late hour. Chairmen for the evening were: T. Kadonaga, K. Ina and M. Sakamoto.

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Young People.

Speaker for the monthly devotional meeting Sunday evening, January 28, was C. C. Jackson, of the First United Church. President, Setsuo Kuwahara, presided over the well-attended meeting.

Gondolier

Added to the ever-growing list of Nisei bringing recognition to themselves and to their fellows by active participation in Canadian cultural spheres is Tatsuo Sumiya.

He will climax an outstanding record as a member of the University Musical Society by taking the tenor lead in their production of Gilbert and Sullivan's favourite operetta, "The Gondoliers" at the University Theatre, Feb. 22-24.

PINE TREES

The pines
Are sighing now
For, even on tip-tee,
With fingers teased, they cannot
reach
The sky.

F. W. R.

Capital City Chatter

Kawasoe Heads Taiyos

Harold Kawasoe was chosen president of the Taiyo Athletic Club for the 1940 term at their eighth annual meeting held January 31 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kawasoe, with Masao Kuwabara in the chair.

Others on the executive include Masao Kuwabara, vice-president; Muneo Kawasoe, secretary; Stun Shimizu, treasurer; and Thomas Kuwabara, sport convenor.

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Victoria Vagaries

No wonder the JCCL team suffered such a set-back the other night—with such a big turnout of feminine supporters sitting on the sidelines, they must have had an awful time keeping their eyes on ye old basketball (?) . . . A certain party was bemoaning the fact that he had two out-of-town Leap Year dates on the same night—we wonder how he made out . . . . Upon hearing that the feminine members of the local JCCL were going to knit socks to help the Red Cross a friend of ours dug into her scrap-book and handed us this clipping:

"It is fit that we should knit
But what we knit should also fit!
Remember the soldier lad who
wrote, to wit:
'Thank you, kind lady, for them
socks you knit,
They sure were nice and such a
dandy fit,
One made a helmet, the other a
mit.'
So I prithee, maidens, as you do
'your bit,'
From this warrior's letter reap
some benefit;
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Nisei Who Seek Opportunity in The East Need Training

Chances for Skilled Workers Greater

No problem facing the Nisei today is more acute than that of vocational adjustment, lying as it does at the root of many of the other problems. In this article, the first of a series, a Nisei writer tries to bring together some familiar threads, and to explore some new ground in an attempt to throw fresh light upon this basic question.

By TACITUS

With discouraging monotony, Japanese Canadians have always complained of the few opportunities open to them for occupational advancement in British Columbia. Judging from the reports of those who have tried to improve their lot beyond the Rockies it now seems that in Eastern Canada, too, opportunities for Japanese Canadians are few and far between. The situation is disheartening, but before concluding that it is entirely hopeless, we may at least ask ourselves why it is unfavourable to us and whether we could not tackle it from an angle more advantageous to ourselves.

TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY NEEDED

Granted that the Japanese Canadians have the mental and physical capacity and the strength of character to achieve success, two other important factors should be taken into account. They are: the proper training of these capabilities and opportunities for utilizing them.

The usual cry is that there is no opportunity, and yet, without a knowledge of some trade or profession, opportunities would be of little value. It is also true, of course, that special training would be of little use unless there is a chance of putting it into practice.

An analysis of the failures in the East seems to show that our adventurers sought their fortunes there with little more than their own courage to aid them. Consequently, jobs requiring special training were closed to them. They found too, that openings for unskilled workers were fewer in the long-settled East than in British Columbia, where the basic industries, those requiring heavy labour, are still the main source of employment.

SKILLED WORKERS AND RACIAL PREJUDICE

The chief obstacle facing specially-trained Japanese Canadians in British Columbia is racial discrimination, which in most vocations means "de facto" exclusion (i.e. discriminations practised in fact by employers, although no legal provisions or barriers exist). Racial prejudice in other parts of the country, though undoubtedly present, is not so universal and virulent. The chances for skilled workers in the East would therefore be much greater, and more numerous by reason of the larger population. From a psychological viewpoint, too, the absence of racial stigma would probably contribute to success by strengthening the personality through greater self-confidence.

WHAT ARE YOUR CHANGES?

We may conclude that unless a Japanese Canadian makes an effort to train his special talents, whatever they may be, his chances anywhere in the Dominion are somewhat worse than those of the thousands already roaming the country. If he does acquire a little technical or commercial education (and that is a fairly easy task), and finds that racial prejudice is too much for him in British Columbia, then he will probably far better if he tried his luck in the East. We are here referring only to workers, unskilled or specialized; but, as a final observation, it may not be out of place to remark that a little capital too, will help the young Japanese Canadian to make the most of the opportunities that do come to him.

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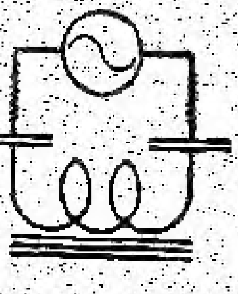
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NATIONAL JCCL PRESSES PLANS IN PUBLICATION

Collection of material for publication in the pamphlets on the Japanese question will begin immediately with the Vocational Study Committee in charge, the National JCCL Executive decided at its monthly meeting, February 4th.

E. N. Yamaoka, chairman, will supervise the work which is to be carried out by members in all chapters of the League, in order that the closest study may be given to varying economic conditions in different districts and occupations.

The National JCCL will also circularize a number of the questionnaires issued by the National Canadian Youth Congress, relating to problems raised by wartime conditions.

The benefit savings plan was tabled for further discussion and reports from Treasurer E. Kitagawa.

Present at the meeting were: H. Naganobu, New Westminster; Miss Aiko Kondo, Victoria; Miss Hide Hyodo, E. Yamaoka, Kunio Shimizu, T. Yoshida, and E. Ouchi, Vancouver members.

Nippon Camera Club To Hold Photo Exhibit

Something for Nisei camera enthusiasts to enthuse over—that is the announcement of an exhibition of photographs that will take place sometime in April under the sponsorship of the local Nippon Camera Club.

The exhibition designed to stimulate interest among Japanese Canadians in artistic photography and to gather the best in pictures is open to both young and old, men and women alike. The officials are contemplating on sending as many pictures as possible to Japan after the local exhibition is over to be shown there.

Although camera fans may submit any number of entries from now on to March 31, the size limit of the photos has been set from 5 x 7's to 8 x 10's.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

Entries must be in the hands of the committee (Mr. S. Wakabayashi, 463 Powell Street or Mr. E. Hayashi, 369 Powell Street) before March 31. Only photos be submitted as the club will look after the necessary mounting.

Further details will be announced later.

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Concert Chairman Lauds Community Spirit in Red Cross Society Venture

The final curtain was rung down this week on the Red Cross Benefit Concert sponsored by the Vancouver Chapter of the J.C.C.L. when a cheque for the sum of $443.93 was formally handed over to Kirke S. Loucks, executive secretary of the Vancouver branch of the Society.

Exceeding the first estimates by some 125 per cent, this sum represented the net proceeds from the largest concert ever sponsored in the history of the community.

Plans for Unit

Tentative plans for the formation of a Japanese Canadian unit of the Society are also proceeding. It is hoped that a meeting of representatives from various societies in the city will be called shortly, and organizer from the Red Cross will be asked to assist in the establishment of a unit.

In making public the statement of income and expenditure Dr. George Ishiwara, concert committee chairman, expressed the thanks of the Chapter for the enthusiastic support and co-operation given to the concert.

"We are anxious to acknowledge publicly," he declared, "our sincerest thanks to all the performers, the stage helpers, the ushers, the numerous societies which supported the sale of tickets and to all those who assisted in any way to make the concert the success it was.

"We had hoped originally to tender a public banquet, but upon further consideration, in view of the nature of the concert, we felt that it would best meet the wishes of the entire community if all the proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross."

Grateful acknowledgement is also made of donations of $2.00 from Miss Kay Kawasaki of New Westminster and Mr. Kawamoto of West Vancouver.

The detailed statement follows:

Gross Receipts	$755.00
Expenditure:	
Theatre rental	$ 85.00
Spotlight	1.00
Electricians and prop	42.00
Advertising and publicity	25.30
Transportation	11.50
Printing	34.45
Refreshments for performers	18.36
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Stage props	74.72
	$311.07
Net Income	$443.93

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Nisei in Canadian Society

A Nisei drama group, entered into a Vancouver Drama Festival for the first time, has emerged with the highest laurels in the festival, bringing honour and recognition to all Nisei.

Yet even more important than the success they achieved was the fact that they had the courage and the initiative to take this step. Their success suggests that we have been too long concealing our talents and our abilities within the cloistered hearths of our own small community, and it is time for us to be undertaking a vigorous and spirited participation in the affairs of the larger community about us.

No aspect of Nisei life today deserves more encouragement than this more fact of participation, both as individuals and in groups, in Canadian society.

For it is through our associations with fellow Canadians, in work and in play, that their opinions concerning us, as Canadians must be formed. It is through our personal contacts and personal friendships that the surest hope for the solution of our problems of racial discrimination will be found.

Canada and U.S.-Japan Relations

Canada, and especially British Columbia, will observe with gravest concern the trend of American-Japanese relations. Facing upon the Pacific our Province has a vital interest in these relations, which, if not becoming worse, still remain in a highly explosive state.

From the distance of its prairie capital, the Winnipeg Free Press points out a very doubtful road for Canada and the Empire to follow in urging support for American interests in the Far East. While our southern neighbour may have expressed its disapproval of Japan's action in the Far East, its own policy, as Bruce Hutchinson ably points out, "is not to save Asia from Japan but to save the Asiatic interests of this nation. It is in fact standing entirely upon its own rights, but not going to the rescue of China."

For Canada and the Empire to assist the United States in the Far East at this time is a course which no thinking Canadian, especially a British Columbian would advise.

We have our hands full in Europe. Despite the apparent calm in the war, there is no doubt of the impending disaster that we must be prepared to face. We are pledged to stand alongside the Mother Country, to follow a course in Europe to its bitter end and final victory. To that end we must devote the entire energies and resources of a united Canada. The pulling of American chestnuts out of the China fire is the least important task we have at hand.

The amicable and common sense settlement of the Asama Maru incident, acclaimed by the press both in London and Tokio, provides the touchstone of Anglo-Japanese relations, and concomitantly, the touchstone of Canadian-Japanese relations.

From The Mailbag:

IN ANSWER TO K. W.

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: I note the remarks of "K. W." in his colum, "The Weekly Whirligig," concerning the conservation of finances for future occasions.

I think that he has the wrong idea. In a few months when all Canada will be delving into its pocket, any sum that the Nisei would contribute in bulk would pass unnoticed.

The Nisei could not have done more to show the patriotism they feel than by the continuous stream of donations that they are making. It really makes no difference to the man-in-the-street whether the Nisei contribute or not—but it makes a vast difference to the Government. Your donations are on record in a far more important place than in the columns of the daily newspapers —and make no mistake about that!

In any case, it would be useful for the future to keep track of the amounts and the donors, so that the total will show when need arises.

Take my advice and do not hinder the action of the Nisei—there are more eyes watching and wondering at this demonstration of Nisei patriotism than you imagine.

I admire the spirit of the Nisei.

V. C. Best.

Ganges, B. C.

PASSING IT ON

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: I am an ardent reader of The New Canadian, and therefore wish to continue my subscription to the same.

It was first introduced to me as a present from a friend of Paldi.

Here's hoping for your success.

Mike Tateishi.

Lake Cowichan.

"WAR DONATIONS"

(Continued from page 1)

Northern B.C. Residential Fishermen's Association and Prince Rupert Japanese Association	130.00
Japanese Fishermen's Association	25.00
Woodfibre (monthly donations from workers)	
* Total	$ 782.98

* This figure does not include contributions made to the Red Cross in community centres in conjunction with local War Chest Drives.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

Consolidated Japanese Farmers' Association	$ 361.35
Delta (Sunbury, Annicis Island, Municipality of Delta)	34.00
Fanny Bay Kyowakai	158.00
Japanese Cleaners Association	300.00
Marpole Japanese Ijikai	57.00
Ocean Falls Japanese Association	300.00
Port Alberni:	
Japanese	180.00
Kyowakai	179.20
Powell Lumber & Fuel Co. Ltd. Employees	300.00
Richmond (Steveston, Celtic, Terra Nova, Acme and Vancouver Canneries)	485.00
Royston Aiyukai	100.00
Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association	100.00
Surrey Nokai	43.00
Total	$2,597.55

Alderman Wilson's Oriental Menace

By Staff Writer

In election campaigns politicians usually go to the country armed with certain slogans, few in number, which they hope to have a chance to repeat often enough to make the people believe them.

Alderman Wilson during the past few years has not limited this strategy to his election campaigns, but has made use of it ever since he first took up, what must be to him, the pleasant task of Oriental-baiting.

Catch Phrases Catch Votes

Two flaming catch phrases have been the spikes he has employed in his attempted crucifixion of Japanese Canadians in B. C. "Peaceful Penetration" and "Lower Standard of Living." These are effective headliners and vote catchers.

In campaigning for the restriction of trades licences issued to Japanese they have been his favourite platform appeals, and by the judicious selection of statistics he has painted a lurid if flimsy picture of "Japanese penetration."

For instance in his brief he points out that between 1921 and 1937, licences issued to Japanese increased from 459 to 795, or by 74 per cent; while in the latter year, Japanese held the following percentage in certain occupations: Dressmakers, 53 per cent; cleaners and dyers, 50 per cent; fish dealers, 40 per cent; boat builders, 28 per cent; grocers, 15 per cent, and green grocers, 13 per cent. A more recent report indicates that between 1934 and 1939, licences issued to Japanese rose by only 9 per cent.

This, in Mr. Wilson's words, is the proof that "with characteristic racial patience the Oriental is gradually becoming a dominant factor in the business activity of Vancouver."

If one had any respect for such organizations as the Vancouver Board of Trade, or the Canadian Manufacturers Association, or even the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, one would hesitate to repeat the phrase, "dominant factor." Undoubtedly it is an insult to these gentlemen who handle the tremendous volume of business in Vancouver—wholesale, retail, manufacturing, shipping, public utilities—that of the city's dressmakers and fish dealers, a high percentage should be Japanese.

Concentration Caused by Discrimination

One look at the statistics, of course, and Mr. Wilson's pet peeve falls apart. Behind the increase and behind the concentration are very natural factors, the most important of which is the fact that restrictions have expelled them from other primary industries and discrimination has barred them from other occupations.

What Mr. Wilsno proposes is additional discrimination to cure problems that discrimination has created. One is reminded of ancient doctors who used to cure anaemic patients by blood-letting.

"Lower Standard of Living"

But the root of the trouble, according to Mr. Wilson, lies in the fact that the Japanese spends less per capita on "rent, food and clothing, the three basic necessities of existence, plus luxury expenditures" than the white population on a per capita basis. Such is his written explanation of his catch phrase, "lower standard of living."

Added to this heinous crime, too, is the fact that "while drawing the same benefit from parks, roads, fire and police protection . . . the contribution made by the oriental population to the cost of government by means of land, income, and all indirect taxes is lower per capita than the per capita white population."

The Cart Before the Horse

It is characteristic of tub-thumping politicians, of course, to draw attention to an unfortunate situation and to proclaim that something should be done without inquiring into the reason for the situation. If the standard of living for Japanese is lower per capita, does Mr. Wilson believe that it is low from personal choice? Does he believe that the average Japanese family would prefer living in its tenement to living, say for instance, in Mr. Wilson's own comfortable home.

Perhaps in his infinite wisdom he conceives of the Japanese deliberately accepting lower incomes so that they might not have to pay their proportionate share of the cost of government. One is tempted to add that it still remains true that the oriental population nevertheless pays a portion of Alderman Wilson's salary.

Dr. Carrothers makes this statement in his study of Oriental Standards of Living . . . "The standard of living of Orientals is low not because they are accepting lower wages than those paid the white workers, but because the conditions of the labour market are such as that the employer is in a position to pay the Oriental a low wage and the Oriental is in a position to accept the lower wage than the Whites because of his lower standard of living and with no planned intention of depriving the White worker of a job . . . There have been indications that given the opportunity the Oriental would demand wages similar to the Whites . . . From a study of habits of the Chinese and Japanese families who think in terms of permanent residence in B. C., we may conclude that given financial and economic opportunity, they would gradually raise themselves to a standard of living similar to that of the Whites in the same occupation."

Give Us the Opportunity—Not Deprive Us!

Note the words, "given the opportunity." It is Mr. Wilson's plan to deny them still further the opportunity to work and to live in security and freedom in the land which many claim by adoption, and many more by birth. When we arrive at a just and honourable solution of the problem it will be through the policies of just, tolerant and intelligent leaders, and not through the political mouthings of a cheap, dishonourable politician.

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

10—Ryubikai Concert, Japanese Hall, 7.30 p.m.
11—Fuyokai Roller Party, Happyland, 2.5 p.m.
11—Vancouver Symphony Concert, Orpheum Theatre, 3 p.m.
14—Saint Valentine's Day.
17—J. S. C. Oratorical Contest, Japanese Hall, 7.30 p.m.
18—Young Buddhists' Association Oratorical Contest, Hompa Hall.
18—Koyukai Meeting, Kitsilano Japanese School, 2.30 p.m.
22-24—UBC Musical Society, "Gondoliers", University Theatre.
24—Inter-collegiate Advance, U. of W. Campus.
24—Vancouver JCCL General Meeting, Nippon Club, 8.00 p.m.
26—Steveston JCCL Art Exhibit, Dantai Hall, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
26—CGIT Tuxis Roller Fest, Happyland, 35c.

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Jikyokai To Hand Oratorical Contest Over To Gakuyukai

In view of the special occasion of the silver anniversary of their Alma Mater, the Gakuyukai, members of the Jikyokai, class of '33, voted to a man to entrust the sponsorship of their annual oratorical contest to the parent organization at the 7th annual meeting of the society.

The Jikyokai Cup donated by Principal Sato and symbolic of intra-mural supremacy in oratory will continue to be put up for competition in the Gakuyukai sponsored contest between the alumni classes.

In addition, moot matters were brought up for discussion and agenda for the new executive outlined.

Officers for the coming season will be Mark Toyama, president; K. Suga, vice-president; R. Sato, secretary; H. Tobo, treasurer; and an executive council of ten.

TOWN TOPICS ...

Homeward Bound

Headed for the north will be Miss Chie Nishikaze who, after spending some time in the city is returning to her home in Prince Rupert. Miss Nishikaze will sail on Wednesday, February 14.

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Fukuokaites Gather

The Fukuoka Seinenkai is set for still greater success this year with the capable Don Sugiman elected to take over the helm for 1940 at the Seventh Annual Meeting held at the Fuji last Sunday, February 4.

After the observance of a one-minute silence and the introduction of new members, the business meeting was concluded with the election of officers.

Appointed to assist Don Sugiman were Shige Okumura, vice-president and general secretary; M. Hatanaka, vice-president; Y. Hatanaka, general and recording secretary; L. Koyanagi, treasurer H. Fujiki, chairman; Y. Soyama, vice-chairman; D. Arikado, M. Miyasaki, auditors; convenors and eight councillors; Masayoshi Shiomi, Zenji Matsugu, advisors.

Haney and Hammond officers are Yoshimaru Abe, Doug Oike and Henry Kusano.

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Don't forget the roller skating parties this coming Sunday and on the 26th. Everybody will be there.

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Surprise Engagement

To celebrate the announcement of a surprise engagement eight festive couples gathered at the Palomar Ballroom last Saturday evening, February 3. The recently-engaged couple are Miss Connie Sasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sasaki of Queensborough, and Mr. Henry Arikado, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Arikado of this city.

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Nurse Returns

After spending two months in training at the Tranquille Sanitarium, Miss Norie Yamanaka, formerly of Prince Rupert, returned to the city last Thursday, February 1, to take up a position as student nurse at St. Paul's Hospital.

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Seikokai Anniversary

Blue and white, symbolical colors of the AYPA adorned the Church of the Ascension when over seventy members and friends celebrated the fifth birthday of the Seikokai AYPA on Thursday evening, February 1.

The special anniversary dedication service was followed by an evening of dancing. To highlight the party president, Marion Tsuda, blew out the candles on the birthday cake to the strains of "Happy Birthday."

The members of the AYPA would like to thank their many friends who helped to make the party a success.

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Y.P. Orators

Four orators will give a resume of Japanese history through biographies in commemoration of the 26th hundred anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire at the regular YPS meeting this Sunday in the night school room of the Powell United Church. Norah Fujita, citizenship convenor, will take the chair.

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Hiroshima Seinens Celebrate

In celebration of its twentieth anniversary, the Hiroshima Seinenkai will hold a jubilee concert sometime this year, it was planned at the annual meeting of the society which took place at the club house last Sunday afternoon. After the agenda of the meeting had been disposed with, elections were carried out.

Officers for the ensuing year are: President, Tamaichi Fujimoto; vice-presidents, G. Shishido and M. Sasaki; treasurer, T. Yamada; secretaries, K. Shimizu and Y. Kumano; auditors, F. Tatemichi, M. Tsukamoto and M. Takahashi; fee collectors, K. Suga, K. Kaminishi and Y. Okimura. Convenors to deal with sports, oratory, literary and social pursuits and councillors were also elected.

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AYPA Lenten Activities

The AYPA Lenten Season Discussion Group will be held on February 8, 15 and 29 at the Holy Cross Mission and on March 7, 14 and 21 at the Church of Ascension. All meetings are on Thursday from 8 p.m.

Rev. W. H. Gale, who is leading the group this year, will use "The Life of Christ" by Dr. Patterson Smith for the discussion material.

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NISEIS AT SCHOOL

TECHNICAL

Questions of "How's your arm?" dominate the small talk of the Green and Gold boys now since the doctors injected tuberculin serum into them last Monday.

A cadet system with voluntary registration will be organized shortly in March by the principal, Mr. Sinclair. Let's see some of our Nisei lads enrolled!

All's quiet on the inter-high sports front but too quiet as far as our Niseis are concerned. With the rugby season, here we went looking for them oiling their rusty joints for the future Inter-High Track Meet. But not one did we see. Is that they need no such things as practice?

Matric Vignette

"Gee, but —" Need we go any further? It only means that somewhere near is our bi-lingual expert and scholar, Henry "Hank" Shoji.

One of his ambitions is to carry on from his hobby of building model airplanes by studying at a Californian aeronautical school. At present, he belongs to the Vancouver Model Airplane League.

Watch Hank's eyes light up when you mention kendo or harmonica. For he ranks high in the fencing sport and as for the latter, he is a member of the Buddhist Harmonica Band and at the moment is attempting to piece together an harmonica swing band.

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GRANDVIEW

In the recent inter-house basketball games quite a few Niseis took an active part. Kaebo Hamagami, Wataru Funamoto, Masao Naka and Minoru Takada were particularly outstanding among the roundballers.

Oh, say, Mary, why do you blush so when H. S. passes?

Matric Vignette

The perpetual "grin on the face," Eizo Hori, is one of the ace (!) short-hand students of our school.

He likes short-hand, loves general business, but adores bookkeeping. Though he doesn't admit it, he's a great jiving enthusiast and also a Bing Crosby in the making.

His favorite sport is basketball, his current ambition to write sixty words a minute in short-hand and his recreation to sit in the typing room until the janitor kicks him out.

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BRITANNIA

Matric Vignette

A vivid personification of the old saying, "Good things come in small packages," is diminutive Shinka Nagata. In the first place, the petite and popular Miss likes all her subjects; and is, in particular, a special joy to her French teacher. Besides being the secretary of the Debating Society, she figures quite prominently in its forensic activities. Her fellow members of the House 2 volleyball team, moreover, deem her indispensable. Outside of school, she plays the piano in no amateurish manner. Thus, there must be some foundation to the truth of the statement, "Good things come in small packages."

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Happy Couples and Lovers' Knots

"Valentine" is a lovers' festival of long standing dating away back into the dim and distant past when it was believed that birds began to mate on this day, a belief still carried on in the symbolic bluebirds and turtle-doves on the dainty valentine cards of today. On the eve of the 14th of February it was the custom for light-hearted young people to gather in the moonlight to draw out their lover's name by lot. The happy couples thus tied with a lovers' knot exchanged presents and remained each other's valentine throughout the following years.

The modern method, however, of leaving romance entirely in the dimpled but capable hands of the sage little love-matcher is much more accurate than the risky "hit-and-miss" method of yore. A sprightly party is in line, then, to fete this hardworking lad, the winsome ward of Venus.

Your party will, of course, be full of romance, of old loves and new. To start with, invitations will be quaint and old-fashioned made of lace paper, ribbons, forget-me-nots, and turtle doves. House and table decorations will carry out the same motive in traditional red and white. A simply grand idea to spread instant party gaiety is to cover the doorway completely with a gigantic red heart made of long sheets of red crepe paper on a cardboard frame. A jagged opening in the centre allows the guests to step right into the party.

This Game of Hearts

The games you will play will have to be in keeping with the festival. And there are games galore. An exciting game that will bring to light hidden talents is to line up the guests in relay formation and at the word "go" each leader runs to large sheets of paper tacked on the opposite wall or floor, and draws with crayons one part of a valentine. The next in line adds another part, etc. The fastest and most original will of course receive the prize.

For a hilarious, boisterous game, tie a red balloon around the waist on the back of two people, who, with a roll of paper as a club, try to break each other's heart (balloon).

This Funny Thing Called Love

While on the subject of Valentine, let's look into this funny thing called love, for February is a lovers' month especially for women this year because of that extra day thrown in at the end. Plays, books, films are all influenced by those four little letters. Poets sing of them, philosophers ponder over them, painters and musicians are inspired by them.

But love does queer things to people, too. Take that story of the Duchess of Marlborough, for instance, who kept a life-sized image of her lover, the poet William Congreve, with her at all times, talking to it by the hour. And to top everything she had its feet examined at regular interval for trace of gout, Congreve's old complaint. Then there's John Browning, a stone carver, who placed in a cemetery for life-sized statues of his former loves.

Philosophers on the Subject

But let's see what great thinkers have to say about love:

Thackeray: *To love and win is the best thing; to love and lose the next best.*

Lao-Tze: *By the accident of fortune a man may rule the world for a time, but by the virtue of love he may rule the world forever.*

Ingersoll: *I had rather live and love where death is king, than have eternal life where love is not.*

But there are others who have apparently been embittered by love:

Oscar Wilde: *When one is in love one begins to deceive oneself, And one ends by deceiving others.*

Bacon: *'Tis impossible to love and to be wise.*

La Rochefoucauld: *The reason why lovers tire of being together is because they are always talking about themselves.*

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Director

Well-known in Vancouver as an accomplished elocutionist and actress in her own right, Yuki Yoshida (above) received the warmest praise from the adjudicators for her skilful, sensitive directing in the Powell Y. P. play, "First Class Matter."

Actress

Winning the highest individual award presented in the Drama Festival, Aki Hyodo brought honour to her group by capturing the Best Actress Trophy with her interpretation of Ada, the kind-hearted telephone operator.

Powell YP Win Highest Drama Honors

Aki Hyodo Acclaimed as Finest Actress

Surprising no one more so than themselves, Powell Young People's Society swept through the Eighth Annual Greater Vancouver Y. P. Union Drama Festival at Kitsilano High School to capture the premier awards in the competition and score a thrilling triumph over eleven other young people's groups in their first year the Society has ever entered the festival.

For their presentation of the comedy "First Class Matter", Aki Hyodo, Norah Fujita, Koto Yatabe, Wesley Fujiwara and Jimmie Suzuki were awarded the Piggly Wiggly Challenge Trophy for the best performance in the festival while modest smiling Aki Hyodo, a member of the Society of long standing, who took the feminine lead in the play, received the Percy Gomery Trophy for the best actress.

A packed audience accorded a great ovation to Yuki Yoshida, whose expert direction had much to do with the triumph, when she received the trophy from the hands of Dr. G. M. Weir, provincial minister of education.

Play Wins Praise

The Powell Group won unstinted praise from the adjudicators for their performance Friday night. Noted as a severe critic, Adjudicator Ben Draw termed the performance a delightful and excellent portrayal, and complimented the director for her fine work.

He was especially pleased with the fine diction of the entire cast, complimenting Miss Hyodo, particularly upon her fine speaking voice. His only criticism was to the effect that the scenic effects were somewhat bare.

Niseis Open Modern New Florist Shop

"Flowers for every occasion," with special service for Nisei clients is the motto of Miss Sumiko Shigematsu and Yoshihiro Shigematsu. Last week they joined the ever-expanding business ranks of the Nisei, opening a florist shop on Powell Street in the heart of the Japanese section.

Tastefully chosen and artistic in design are the bouquets, wreaths and cut flowers which these Nisei florists can provide. Of increasing importance, too, in the community are corsages.

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Ryubikai Presents Dances of Japan

According to the rehearsal that took place last Sunday, the concert of Classical and Modern Japanese Dances to be held under the sponsorship of the Ryubikai at the Japanese Hall, January 10, from 7.30 in the evening, promises to be a gala affair worthy of the 2600th anniversary of Japan.

Dances calculated to gladden the hearts of all the spectators have been carefully planned by Mrs. Toroi Tonogai, director of the Ryubikai.

Variety will be the dominant note. In contrast to the stately, dignified classical pieces such as the "Hinatsuru Sanbaso", "Harusame" (Spring Showers), and Kishi no Yanagi" (Weeping Willows) there will be the sprightly, airy and more modern arrangements such as "Susukino", "Koi no Hashi" (Love's Bridge) and "Date Yakko."

Bringing down the curtain in a blaze of glory will be the brilliant "Hi no Maru Koshinkyoku" in which six Nisei girls will take part.

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Founding of The Empire of Japan

Emperor Traces Ancestry to Sun-Goddess

February 11, 1940 will mark the 2600th year since the legendary Emperor Zinmu (Jimmu) founded the empire of Japan in 660 B.C. Although this date is officially recognized and accepted today, the story of the Emperor Zinmu, wrapped within the story of the founding of the empire is hidden by the mists of early centuries and is largely legendary. But a living faith in these traditions has proven to be a vital force in the life and history of the people of Japan.

The Story of Creation

The story of the founding of Japan begins properly with the story of creation itself. In the earliest chronicles is recorded the story of the formation of Heaven and Earth from Chaos, and the coming into being of the gods. The seventh generation of these, *Izanagi* and *Izanami*, founded an island in the ocean and descended from Heaven to dwell thereon.

From *Izanagi* sprang *Ama-terasu-o-mi-Kami*, the resplendent Goddess of the Sun; *Tsuki*, the Moon God; and *Susa-no-o*, the Storm God.

The former two returned to dwell in the Heavens, but the Storm God, a fierce, cruel deity, after many escapades, was finally banished to rule over the Nether Land of Darkness, leaving behind him a progeny of gods and goddesses in control of the Earth.

Ninigi is Sent to Rule the Earth

But after some time, because of the disturbed conditions on the earth, the Gods in Council decided to send *Ninigi-no-mikoto*, the grandson of the Sun Goddess to hold sway. First the land was purged of all the rebellious deities who had disturbed it, and the way was at last clear for the Heavenly Grandchild to take up his mission on Earth.

The Sun Goddess invested him with the sacred regalia, and gave him her benediction charging him thus:

"... This land is the region of which my descendants shall be Lords; Do thou, my august Grandchild, proceed thither and govern it. Go, and may prosperity attend thy dynasty and may it, like Heaven and Earth, endure for ever."

So the Heavenly Grandchild descended by the floating bridge of Heaven (the rainbow), accompanied by a large retinue of attendant gods, who are regarded today as the direct ancestors of the ancient noble houses of Japan. He arrived on the earth far to the south-west, on the island of Kyushu.

The Life of Man is Short

One day, while walking by the seashore, he saw a beautiful maiden, the Heavenly Princess of Aba. Ninigi proposed marriage to her father, who gave his consent so gladly that he offered to Ninigi, not only the daughter asked for, but also her elder sister, Princess Rock Long. But because she was as ugly as the younger sister was beautiful, Ninigi returned her to her father. Greatly angered, she laid a curse upon his descendants, declaring that they should be "as decadent as the flowers of the trees." And so today, the life of man is short.

But the Princess gave birth to triplets, passing safely through the ordeal of fire with her three sons, Prince Fire-Shine, Prince Fire-Climax, and Prince Fire-Fade.

The youngest of the three children, *Prince Hodemi (Fire-Fade)* visited the palace of the Sea-God beneath the Ocean and there he married the Sea-God's daughter, the *Princess Rich-Jewel*, and dwelt with her happily for three years. But yearning for his old home, he left the undersea palace. His wife bravely confronted the winds and waves and followed him to the seashore, where she gave birth to a son.

Birth of Emperor Jimmu

The boy, grown to manhood, married his maternal aunt, like his mother, the daughter of the Sea God, and became the father of four sons, the youngest of whom was the divine *Prince Kami-Yamato-Iware-biko*.

For forty-five years Prince Iware lived peacefully at his birthplace but after the death of his two brothers, he set out with the third on an expedition of conquest which carried him from Kyushu to Yamato on the main island. Many are the exploits and dangers recounted of this expedition, but after seven years victory was at last won.

And the Empire is Founded

In the year 660 B.C. at Kashiwara, midway between Nara and Osaka, Prince Iware established his empire and took his seat upon the imperial throne. Canonized after his death as the Emperor Zinmu (Jimmu), he thus founded the Imperial line of which the Emperor now on the throne is the 124th representative in the direct order of succession. He is said to have reigned for 75 years and to have died at the age of 127 years. His tomb remains in the conquered province of Yamato, northeast of Mount Unebi, and his date of accession, February 11 is the day observed as the birthday of the Empire.

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City Film Society Experiments With Novel Program

Last Sunday at the Stanley Theatre members of the Vancouver Branch of the National Film Society were treated to a special experimental performance consisting of seven shorts.

These seven films, all produced by the Associated Screen News Limited, a production company entirely Canadian in operation and ownership, marked an experiment on the part of the National Film Society. The performance had for its aim the furtherance of "National Self Realization," the intention of informing the Canadians in this society about the lives, working conditions and surroundings of other Canadians.

CANADIAN SCENES

The first reel, "Our Daily Bread," was received favourably. Depicting scenes most of us have come to know so well of vast stretches of prairie land where ripening wheat ripples and sways to summer breezes, the film progressively showed the transformation of the golden grain into loaves of bread.

The theme of the lure of gold that draws men into the bleak and unnamed wilderness was woven into the weft of the production, "Treasure Hunt." "Did You Know That?" another in the series presenting odd facts in the Canadian scene followed.

"The Song the Man Sings," a commercial film, hummed the story of Ford V-8 motor car production. "Music From the Stars," featuring Horace Lapp and his orchestra, and "Rhapsody in Two Languages," picturing a day in Montreal were somewhat disappointing. "Sea to Sea," a travelogue spanning the Canadian continent, brought the program to a conclusion.

Community Will Observe Anniversary

Vancouver's Japanese community will unite in its commemoration of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the empire of Japan at a mass meeting next Sunday, February 11, at 2.00 p.m. in the Japanese Hall, under the auspices of the Canadian Japanese Association.

Chairman of the meeting will be Bunji Hisaoka, and featured speaker, the Japanese Consul, Kenji Nakauchi. Following his address a motion picture will be shown.

The event commemorates the 2,600th year since the *Emperor Zinmu* ascended the throne of the Empire, and founded the family which has since held the throne without a break in succession.

Following the meeting a banquet will be held in the Fuji Chop Suey at 5.00 p.m.

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When Stick Met Stick:

Steveston Kendoists Tops in Tourney

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One hundred and forty kendoists from Vancouver, Steveston, Woodfibre and Seattle gathered at the Japanese Hall last Saturday to take part in the International Kendo Tournament sponsored by the Vancouver Yoshinkan. One hundred and forty contestants split the air with their shrill cries, crossed stick upon stick, matched brawn against brawn as they vied for honours in the annual classic. After hours of battle were over, it was Steveston's mighty gladiators that emerged triumphant with the lion's share of the spoils.

In the junior event which set the ball rolling at four in the afternoon, young Katsuyuki Sumihara of Steveston took the championship cup, donated by the Canadian Japanese Association while right on his heels followed Vancouver's Hideo Miura and in third was Steveston's Akira Mori.

Seattle's only major winner was Morishita who led the field in the senior division with nine victories to his credit while E. Matsumura of Steveston came a shadowy second.

Moriharu Taniuye of Steveston, proud possessor of the Nemichi Challenge Cup, symbolic of the All-Canada Kendo Yudansha, duplicated his efforts of last year as he swept effortlessly through the preliminary rounds and turned back Hibi, with amazing skill in the all-Steveston finals to gain the coveted Nemichi Challenge Sword.

In this open contest, Steveston's kendoists took the limelight gaining nine out of sixteen first round decisions and placing three men in the semi-finals.

EXHIBITION MATCHES

Added features to the program were several exhibition matches. One of the most popular was the one staged by Teresa Takizaki and Miyo Inouye of Seattle demonstrating the use of the naginata or Japanese spear. Miss Takizaki recently spent one year in Japan studying the art of the naginata and is now teaching the same to Nisei girls at the Seattle Nippon Butoku Kai.

Youngsters lined up in two rows delighted the crowd as they went through their kendo "exercises" under the watchful eye of Mr. Matsushita, local instructor at the Yoshinkan.

A real thriller was the show in which Messrs. Matsushita and Akune tangled bloodlessly with real swords.

In the course of the evening speeches by Chancellor Ogawa representing Consul Nakauchi, R. Ide of the Canadian Japanese Association and E. Shoji of the Yoshinkan, pointed out the importance of kendo and kindred sports in promoting not only healthy bodies but clean and wholesome young minds and character.

Large Entry Due In Fifth B.C. Open Shuttle Tourney

Under the direction of Matt Matsui a four-day shuttle meet, the 5th Annual B. C. Open Japanese Badminton Tournament, will be held on the spacious courts of the Strathcona gym. The date for the men's doubles is fixed for February 26 and 27, and the mixed doubles two weeks later, March 11 and 12.

All entries will be divided into two sections, A and B respectively. The A class is open to all, but the B section is eligible only to those who have not hitherto taken part in any league matches. To encourage inexperienced but promising beginners, the winners of last year's B class are automatically ineligible to participate in the B class this year.

Wishing to stage a monster tourney, Director Matsui urges as many shuttlers as possible from Mission, Hammond, Haney and other outlying districts to send in their entries not later than Saturday, February 24.

FEES

The entry fees will be the same as last year, 25c for the first round and 15c for the following rounds in the A class; and 15c and 10c thereafter in the B class.

Cups will be awarded for permanent possession in the A class men's and mixed doubles; and prizes in the B class.

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Maikawa's Cinch Playoff Berth

'Shig The Second' Onizuka In Stellar Role

Maikawa's are riding high on the crest of a win streak with the playoff second slot definitely in sight. The Department Store boys gave the first place M & N boys much food for worry when they put on a devastating display of hoopla without the aid of the regular two-figure total of Shige Ashikawa to shove the injury-ridden Harry's into third place by a 30-22 count last Wednesday. M & N hitched another game to their belts when Powell Drug defaulted.

In one of the lowest scoring halves of the season, Referees Eddie Ide and Mi Akiyama practically tripped over themselves calling out fouls, and when Michi Ashikawa's boys settled down on their benches at the breather they held a slim one-basket lead.

With Shige Ashikawa definitely on his off-night his namesake Shige Onizuka put on a surprise performance and led Maikawa's third quarter attack by swishing in 7 points, giving them a decided edge in the game.

In the whirlwind finish the Maikawa boys nursed their eight-point lead and matched Harry's basket for basket in the last quarter to take the match 30-22, thereby cinching the semi-final spot.

Shige Onizuka was the sharpshooter of the game with 11 points to his credit while teammate Yuki Uno and Harry's Ken Onishi were second with seven apiece.

MARPOLE MASSACRE CELTS

In the only junior game of the week, the strong second-place Marpole boys handed out a terrific 51-21 beating to the hapless Celtic quintet.

SENIOR LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
M & N	11	2
Maikawa	8	5
Harry's	7	6
Steveston	3	4
Powell Drug	1	11

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Steveston	8	0
Marpole	8	1
Nomads	5	4
Ernies	5	4
Monarchs	4	5
Celtics	3	7
Acme	0	9

GYK, YPS Enter Shuttle Finals

Teams To Tangle For JCCL Trophy

The Japanese Badminton League will wind up another successful season next Monday when Powell Y.P.S. and Gakuyukai meet in the deciding championship match for the JCCL Challenge Trophy.

Last Monday the language school team decisively earned the right to play in the finals by virtue of a 6-2 victory over Steveston, while the Powell Y.P.S. and Strathcona series was left unfinished 4-2 for the church group. Although there are two incomplete games it is generally conceded that the Y.P.'s will take one, which is all that is necessary to put them in the finals.

The Sawada - Maruno duo's losses were the only setbacks suffered by GYK as they flashed top form over Steveston in readiness for the crucial matches next Monday. Their crack mixed doubles team of Lucy Koyanagi and Shige Okumura and the men's combination of Oshimo-Maikawa and Suga-Nagata, the latter filling capably the shoes of the absent Baron Wakabayashi, smashed everything Steveston had to offer in straight sets.

With Michi Ashikawa playing inspired badminton, the Ashikawa-Arikado combine downed Mi Akiyama and Tommy Iwasaki in straight sets enabling the Y.P.S. shuttlers to squeeze in four wins to Strathcona's two to clinch the right to play in the finals.

Y.P.S. vs. Strathcona.

H. Arikado-Ashikawa bt. Akiyama-Iwasaki 15-9, 15-11, and Hagino-Machida 15-12, 15-5; E. Arikado-Matsui bt. Hagino-Machida 6-15, 15-12, 15-2; D. Arikado-C. Uyeda bt. Toyota-Ikeda 15-9, 15-10; Akiyama-Iwasaki bt. E. Arikado-Matsui 15-5, 15-10; Y. Matsui-Deshima bt. Tanaka-Saegusa 15-12, 15-13.

GYK vs. Steveston.

Maikawa-Oshimo bt. Nakade-Minamide 15-9, 15-8, and Uyeda-Oda 15-11, 15-8; Okumura-Koyanagi bt. Kochi-Sogawa 15-4, 15-9 and Hamade-Sogawa 15-11, 5-9; Suga-Nagata bt. Uyeda-Oda 15-0, 15-2 and Nakade-Minamide 15-6, 15-8; Sogawa-Kochi bt. Sawada-Maruno 15-10, 15-8; Hamade-Sogawa bt. Sawada-Maruno 15-8, 15-8.

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Victoria Cage Wars

Beavers Beat JCCL Squad To Offset Loss To Taiyos

VICTORIA.—In one of the most exciting games seen here in many a night, the Taiyo basketballers nosed out the youthful Tuxis Beavers by a close 29-27 score.

It was anybody's game from start to finish, with the score being tied eight times and the lead changing hands no less than seven times during the hectic tussle.

Thomas and Masao Kuwabara were the "big guns" for the winners, garnering twenty-four points between them.

Beavers—T. Uyede (7), Stum Shimizu (4), G. Uyede (2), H. Ioi (6), Y. Shimizu (7), E. Kuwabara (1), M. Kawasoe. Total 27.

Taiyo — T. Kuwabara (13), M. Kuwabara (11), Muneo Kawasoe (1), T. Hoita (4), G. Hasegawa, F. Kawahara, Stummie Okamoto, S. Kuwata. Total 29.

Beavers Come Back

Tuxis Beavers redeemed themselves to tie the second-half schedule as tight as ever, trouncing the Citizens League squad 23-13.

After holding the lead for the first few minutes the JCCL quintet flopped badly, ending the half trailing 13-6. They came to life again for a brief spasm, creeping up to within two points of the winners, but fell to pieces again, failing to answer an 8-point scoring splurge by the Beavers.

Beavers—T. Uyede (5), Y. Shimizu (3), Stum Shimizu (3), H. Ioi (6), G. Uyede (4), K. Kuwabara (2), F. Hasegawa and K. Takahashi. Total 23.

JCCL—H. Kawasoe (6), G. Kuwata (3), E. Kondo, M. Okamoto, J. Hesami, S. Okamoto, Susumu Shimizu (4). Total 13.

SPORTS Sukiyaki

By Seiji Onizuka

The days are getting longer and warmer, and occasionally we catch a glimpse of old Sol. The sign of spring means the playoffs, which will bring to a close another year in the various winter ports.

Next Monday will decide who's tops in the badminton league when GYK and Powell Y.P.S. exchange smashes for the coveted JCCL Challenge Cup won last year by Strathcona, nee Hokutokai. As is customary every scribe is allowed to predict, and I'm saying it's a walkaway for GYK.

Looking back over the files I find that GYK's combination of Suga and Wakabayashi has yet to lose a game, and the only Y.P. pair to have given them some opposition would have been the Ashikawa-H. Arikado team, but tragically for the church group, Henry Arikado has not got over his charley-horse in his left spindle. Taking it mathematically we could add two more for GYK because of their crack mixed team of Koyanagi and Okumura. That means only one game is all that is necessary to be won by either Oshimo and Maikawa, or Toyota and Ikeda combinations.

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Open Tourney Coming Up!

Another interesting highlight in the shuttle game is the four-day tourney in the end of this month. Defending their laurels in the A class men's double will be the Strathcona veterans, Mi Akiyama and Tommy Iwasaki. Hitherto the old-timers have not been showing their true form, and if they don't show it soon, they're going to be toppled right off their mighty throne, and the likely pair to do just that is the hard-smashing duo from GYK, Kas Suga and Baron Wakabayashi. In their two previous encounters during league matches, the younger couple have thoroughly chastised the champs.

The mixed double looks like an upset right from the start. Although the '39 champs, Lucy Koyanagi and Shige Okumura have strewn behind them a long list of victims, each time they came up against the veteran Mat Matsui and Fumi Deshima, they suffered a drastic setback. To be reckoned none too lightly are the recent third rounders in the Y.P.S. Union tourney, Mary Saegusa and "J.T." Tanaka.

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My Fingers Crossed on Maikawa's

Also commencing on the 28th of February are the Senior and Junior Basketball playoffs. By defaulting last Wednesday's game Powell Drug lost all hope for the playoffs, leaving Steveston and Harry's to fight it out in a sudden death game and the winner meeting Maikawa's in a two-game total-point. The winner of the semis then plays the first place M & N crew in a two-out-of-three series.

With Harry's laid up with colds and injuries, Steveston looks good to duplicate their feat of a few weeks ago and push the clothiers right out of the playoff picture. M & N will miss their sharpshooting Kay Hirano in the finals when he leaves town. To predict a champion in the series would be a matter of life and death, but if Shige Ashikawa is having his "on" day with the rest of the crew fighting like they did last Wednesday they look good enough to finish right on top.

Post Scriptum

Good basketball refs are few and hard to find and when Mi Akiyama picked up Eddie Ide he sure found a gold mine. He deserves a sport orchid from the whole League.

Good luck, Eddie, keep up the good work.

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